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Re HILDEBRANDT et al. **Attn:** Art Unit 2856
Serial No. 10/674,168 Examiner Charles D. Garber
Filing Date 09/29/2003
DIRECTLY REFRIGERATED BLOCK **December 2005 AF Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450:

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Christopher John Rudy: Christopher John Rudy 12/13/2005.

Thank you for the 09/16/2005 office action for the present patent application. In reply to the action, please reconsider this application.

CLAIMS AMENDMENTS follow this page. Without entry of new matter, the present amendment more particularly points out and distinctly claims the invention, and is fully supported by the underlying specification to include drawings. With no additional fee currently due, claims 10, 11, 13, 14 and 19-24 are present.

The present amendment may be entered because it places the case in condition for allowance. The claims which were not allowed nor allowable are offered for cancellation. Allowable claims 10 and 11 are rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and the intervening claims. Allowable claims 13 and 14 remain unchanged and depend on claims 10 and 11, respectively. Allowed claims 19-24 remain.

The restriction and rejections, however, are untenable.

Please approve of the formal drawings filed on April 4, 2005.

The case is in condition for allowance. Still, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned to discuss the application, or seek authorization for an Examiner's amendment.

A Notice of Allowance is solicited.

Respectfully,

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